

**Drinking Water Update
to
Arden-Cordova Water Service Customers**

In an ongoing effort to honor our commitment to communicate with our customers, we are taking this opportunity to provide you with updated information regarding perchlorate.

On April 29, 1997, we notified you that six groundwater supply wells had been removed from service due to the detection of perchlorate in the water supply. At the time, Department of Health Services' (DHS) provisional action level of 4 ppb was the determining factor; water supply wells that tested at 4 parts per billion (ppb) or lower appeared to be protective of health.

The DHS has recently reevaluated the scientific studies in greater detail and, as a result of these studies, the provisional action level for perchlorate has been raised from 4 ppb to 18 ppb. In other words, levels at 18 ppb or lower are not considered a health concern to the public, including small children and pregnant women.

In accordance with the DHS' revised action level, service has been restored to three of our six wells. With the arrival of summer and hot weather, the three wells will add to our water supply, putting us in a better position to meet the summer demand.

We are committed to maintaining and providing the highest level of water quality, as monitoring of our water supply wells continues. We want to reassure our customers, no source of supply that exceeds the provisional action level of 18 ppb will be released into the distribution system.

Thank you for your support and cooperation throughout this highly sensitive time. Please contact Michael W. Benbow, Superintendent, at (916)852-0552, if you have additional questions.

A perchlorate fact sheet is available at our local office. Please stop by and pick one up, or call if you would like us to mail you one. The fact sheet, as well as additional water quality information, can be found on the Company's web site: scwc-region1.com